

4 June 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: [REDACTED]

Chief, Facilities Branch, Security Committee

SUBJECT: SECURITY PROGRAM MOSCOW

1. On 1 June 1979 I received a call from Mac Musser, State Department, who inquired about the classification of item 7, page 54 of the OPTIMUM SECURITY PROGRAM FOR THE NEW U.S. EMBASSY, MOSCOW. Musser said that [REDACTED] DIA, had been tasked to review the above document by the Counterintelligence arm of the National Security Council and that [REDACTED] believed the paragraph should carry the SI, TK classification. I advised Musser that I thought that the paragraph was properly classified at the secret level but that I would check further and advise him.

2. I discussed the above matter with [REDACTED] who in turn contacted [REDACTED] COMIREX, by secure telephone and read to him the paragraph in question. The consensus of opinion was that the above paragraph is properly classified at the secret level for the following reasons:

a. the fact of overhead photography was declassified by President Carter in October 1978;

b. no specific systems or capabilities are mentioned in the paragraph; and

c. the information is sufficiently general so as not to pose a threat to the compartmented system.

3. The above information was furnished to Mac Musser via secure telephone and discussed personally with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said he raised the question because he thought there might be some objection by one of the COMIREX members.